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September 16, 2003

Mr. Joseph E. Crowe, PE
District Engineer
Attention: Mr. Eric S. Therikildsen, PE
Illinois Department of Transportation
Division of Highways / District 4
401 Main Street
Peoria, Illinois 61602-1111

Re: Preliminary Draft EIS Macomb
Area Study Project

Dear Mr. Crowe:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Macomb Area Study project which proposes a four-lane bypass around the north side of Macomb, Illinois in McDonough County.

The Agency has no objections to the project; however, a construction site activity stormwater NPDES permit will be required from the Division of Water Pollution Control. Please contact Alan Keller at 217/782-0610 for specific permit requirements.

Insufficient information was contained in the preliminary DEIS to determine if the project will require relocation of water mains. If water main relocation is necessary, a construction permit will also be required from the Division of Public Water Supplies. For permit requirements regarding public water supplies, please contact Jerry Kuhn at 217/782-9470.

The Agency may provide additional comments after reviewing the signed DEIS when it is circulated for comment.

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Bernard P. Killian
Deputy Director



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September 16, 2003

Mr. Joseph E. Crowe, P.E., District Engineer Illinois
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Division of Highways/District 4
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Attention: Paula Green

Re: **us Route 67 (FAP 310) and Illinois Route 336 (FAP 315) Draft**
Environmental Impact Statement
Macomb Area Study
McDonough County, Illinois

Dear Mr. Crowe:

The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDA) has examined the working Draft Environmental Impact Statement regarding IDOT District 4's proposal to construct a four-lane bypass around the northern half of Macomb.

The scope of work involves the construction of a four-lane freeway bypass around the northern half of Macomb as the preferred alternative. The proposal includes interchanges of US 136 west of Macomb, US 67 north of Macomb and relocated US 136 east of Macomb. Agricultural land makes up 63% of the corridor although it appears that up to one-half of the preferred alignment may be located within Macomb's 1.5-mile zoning jurisdiction. Final acreage figures are not yet available to allow for the completion of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Form AD-1 006 that tracks farmland conversion.

Official comments and the completed USDA NRCS Form AD-1006 will be forthcoming upon IDA's evaluation of the next version of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Sincerely,

Steve Frank, Chief
Bureau of Land and Water Resources

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October 22, 2003

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STUDIES & PLANS - PHASE I
Macomb Area Study
McDonough County
Job No. P-94-152-91
Catalog No. 030010-01

Mr. James B. Johnson
United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resource Conservation Service
2118 West Park Court
Champaign, IL 61821

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The Illinois Department of Transportation is in the process of studying a proposed bypass of Macomb, Illinois in McDonough County. The proposed alignment would bypass the community on the northwest and northeast. Enclosed for your review are the following:

- Farmland Conversion Impact Rating (Form AD-1006);
- Project location map;
- Tables relating to farmland conversion;
- Aerials showing the proposed alignment.

Please review the material provided and complete the AD-1006 form. If you have any questions concerning this issue, please contact Paula Green at (309) 671-3478.

Very truly yours,

Joseph E. Crowe, P.E.
District Engineer

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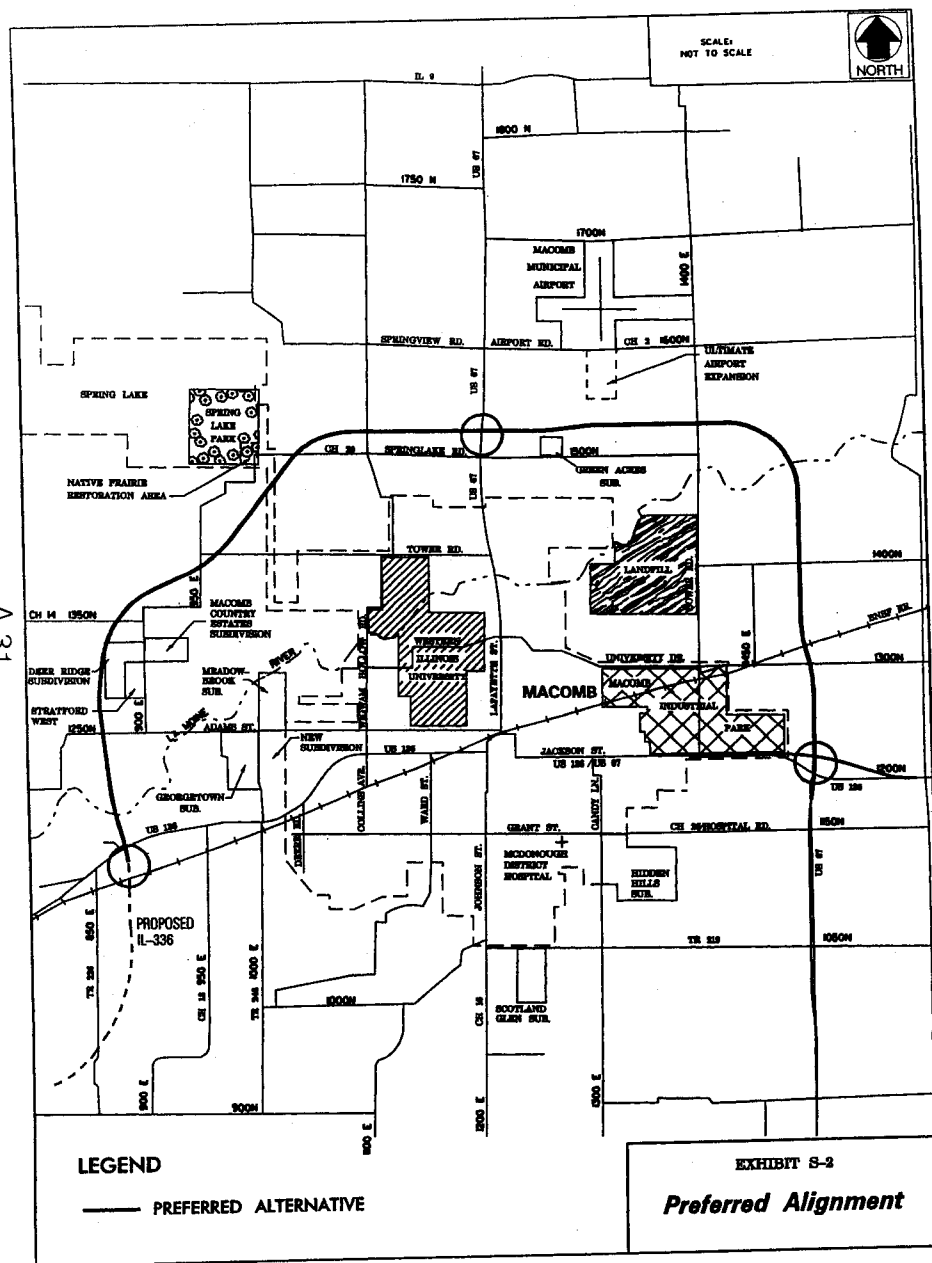
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FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING

PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Date Of Land Evaluation Request 10/15/03	
Name Of Project	Macomb Bypass FAP 310 & FAP 315	Federal Agency Involved	USDOT FHWA
Proposed Land Use	Highway	County And State	McDonough, IL
PART II (To be completed by NRCS)		Date Request Received By NRCS	
Does the site contain prime, unique, statewide or local important farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply - do not complete additional parts of this form).		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Major Crop(s)	Farmable Land In Govt. Jurisdiction Acres: %	Acres Irrigated	Average Farm Size Acres: %
Name Of Land Evaluation System Used	Name Of Local Site Assessment System	Date Land Evaluation Returned By NRCS	
PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Alternative Site Rating	
		Site A	Site B
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly		588.1	
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly		126.7	
C. Total Acres In Site		714.8	0.0
PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information		Site C	Site D
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland			
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland			
C. Percentage Of Farmland In County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted			
D. Percentage Of Farmland In Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value			
PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Criterion			
Relative Value Of Farmland To Be Converted (Scale of 0 to 100 Points)		0	0
PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency)			
Site Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(b))		Maximum Points	
1. Area In Nonurban Use			
2. Perimeter In Nonurban Use			
3. Percent Of Site Being Farmed			
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government			
5. Distance From Urban Builtup Area			
6. Distance To Urban Support Services			
7. Size Of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average			
8. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland			
9. Availability Of Farm Support Services			
10. On-Farm Investments			
11. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services			
12. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use			
TOTAL SITE ASSESSMENT POINTS		160	0
PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)			
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)		100	0
Total Site Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)		160	0
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)		260	0
Site Selected:		Date Of Selection	Was A Local Site Assessment Used? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Reason For Selection:			



Macomb Area Study DEIS Agricultural Impacts Tables October 15, 2003

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Table 1. Impacts to Farm Units and Operations

Impact Type	Hectares	Acres	Number
Farm Units	-	-	56
Centennial Farms	-	-	4
Displaced Agricultural Buildings	-	-	13
Displaced Agricultural Residences	-	-	6
Parcel Severances	-	-	26
Severance Management Zones	35.1	86.7	110

Table 2. Farmland Impact Types

Impact Type	Hectares	Acres	Number
Land Locked Parcels	47.7	117.9	7
Environmental Mitigation	59.7	147.6	1
Right-of-Way Taking	238.0	588.1	-
Subtotal	345.4	853.6	-
Uneconomic Remnants	3.6	8.8	4
Total	349.0	862.4	-

Table 3. Farmland and Buildings Affected

	Converted to Other Uses ¹
Farmland Type	
• Cropland loss in hectares (acres)	183 (453)
• Pasture loss in hectares (acres)	16 (39)
• Other farmland loss in hectares (acres)	87 (215)
Total farmland converted in hectares (acres)	286 (706)
Buildings	
Displaced farm residences (number of parcels)	6
Displaced outbuildings (number of parcels)	13

¹Includes area required for construction of the proposed highway, land-locked parcels, and area planned for environmental mitigation.

Table 4. Conversion of Prime and Important Farmlands¹

Category	Hectares Affected		Total in McDonough County
	Hectares (acres)	% of Total Affected	Hectares (acres)
Prime	189 (467)	66%	110,016 (271,711)
Important	50 (123)	17%	23,252 (57,427)
Other	47 (116)	17%	18,838 (46,525)
TOTAL	286 (706)	100.0%	152,106 (375,663)

¹Includes area required for construction of the proposed highway, land-locked parcels, and area planned for environmental mitigation.

Table 5. Conversion of Soils by Land Capability Classification

	Soils Used ¹		McDonough County	
	Affected Area in hectares (acres)	% of Total Affected	Area in hectares (acres)	% Affected in County
Class I	73.1 (180.9)	26%	44,064 (108,827)	0.17%
Class II	108.4 (267.8)	38%	63,930 (157,891)	0.17%
Class III	57.4 (141.8)	20%	28,548 (70,506)	0.20%
Class IV	18.6 (45.9)	7%	2,845 (7,026)	0.70%
Class V	0.0 (0.0)	0%	724 (1,788)	0.00%
Class VI	1.2 (3.0)	0%	8,171 (20,180)	0.1%
Class VII	25.7 (63.5)	9%	3,824 (9,444)	.67%
Class VIII	0.0 (0.0)	0%	0 (0)	0.00%
None	1.4 (3.4)	0%	522 (1,289)	.26%
TOTAL	285.8 (706.3)	100%	152,628 (376,952)	0.19%

Note: None refers to an urban soil (Orthents) that is not included in one of the eight NRCS soil classifications.

¹Includes area required for construction of the proposed highway, land-locked parcels, and area planned for environmental mitigation.

Table 6. Soil Types Within Area Used by the Project

Soil Type	Hectares	Acres
Atlas silty clay loam (7D3)	0.3	0.9
Bowns silt loam (386B)	5.1	12.7
Clarksdale silt loam (257A)	2.5	6.2
Clarksdale silt loam (257B)	2.8	6.9
Elco silt loam (119C2)	1.7	4.1
Elco silt loam (119D2)	9.7	24.1
Fishhook silt loam (6D2)	1.3	3.2
Hickory silt loam (8D2)	2.9	7.2
Hickory silt loam (8F)	19.9	49.3
Hickory silt loam (8G)	19.4	48
Ipava silt loam (43A)	63.1	156
Ipava silt loam (43B)	7.4	18.2
Keomah silt loam (17A)	14.4	35.5
Keomah silt loam (17B)	6	14.8
Marseilles silt loam (549 F)	0.7	1.6
Orthents, loamy gently sloping (802B)	0.5	1.3
Rozetta silt loam (279B)	16.7	41.2
Rozetta silt loam (279C2)	31.7	78.2
Rozetta silt loam (279D2)	2.8	6.8
Sable silty clay loam (68)	26.7	66
Sawmill silty clay loam (3107)	1.3	3.3
Tama silt loam (36B)	34	83.9
Tama silt loam (36B2)	3.8	9.5
Tama silt loam (36C2)	2	4.9
Wakeland silt loam (3333)	8.1	20.1
Lake	1	2.4
TOTAL	285.8	706.3

Table 7. Erodeable Soils Converted¹

Erodibility Class	Hectares	Acres	Percent
None	9.1	22.6	3%
None/Slight	108.1	267.0	38%
Moderate	76.2	188.4	27%
Severe	92.4	228.3	32%
TOTAL	285.8	706.3	100%

¹Includes area required for construction of the proposed highway, land-locked parcels, and area planned for environmental mitigation.

Table 8. Conservation Reserve Program Impacts

Owner	Tract	CRP Lands Project Area in Hectares (Acres)	Project Impacts to CRP Land in Hectares (Acres)
Dorothy Allen	1738	0.12 (0.3)	0
Jon E & Troy E Ausbury	7911	0.36 (0.9)	0
M&R Farm	2872	8.9 (22)	2.99 (7.4)
Gregory McKee	1170	0.53 (1.3)	0
Brookhart Trust	1128	2.63 (6.5)	0.81 (2.0)
Barbara J. Markley	1380	15.3 (38)	0
TOTAL	6	27.8 (69)	3.8 (9.4)

Table 9. Farm Severances, Uneconomic Remnants, and Land-locked Parcels

	Affected Farm Units	Number	Hectares	Acres
Diagonal or Lateral Severances	24	26	--	--
Severance Management Zones	33	110	35.1	86.7
Uneconomic Remnants	4	4	3.6	8.8
Land-locked Parcels	6	7	47.7	117.9
Centennial Farms Affected	4	4	--	--

Table 10. Uneconomic Remnants

Uneconomic Remnant #	Near Design Station Number	Owner	Hectares	Acres
1	136+432	Charles H. Flack	0.05	0.12
2	202+445 - 202+715	S.H. Shaver	0.62	1.53
3	106+880 - 107+030	Scott E. Miller	2.17	5.36
4	100+850 - 101+100	Robert & Terri Nelson	0.71	1.76
TOTAL			3.55	8.77

Table 11. Landlocked Parcels

Land Locked Parcel #	Near Design Station Number	Owner	Hectares	Acres
1	201+500	C. Cross	1.4	3.6
2	205+360 to 205+755	Max Runkle	1.9	4.6
3	208+180 - 708+927	Gregory McKee	5.3	13.0
4	106+070 - 106+780	Brookhart Trust	9.9	24.5
5	105+562 - 106+070	Brookhart Trust	2.5	6.1
6	103+960 - 104+835	Robert Bland & Mary Vogler	22.8	56.4
7	102+745 - 103+005	John N. Corson	3.9	9.7
TOTAL			47.7	117.9

Table 12. Adverse Travel

Farm Operator	Design Station Number	Adverse Travel in Kilometers (Miles)
Bryan	205+800	8.2 (5.1)
McDonald	207+800	1.2 (0.8)
Agronomics	107+300 and 105+500	7.2 (4.5)
Prunty	209+500	6.9 (4.3)
Wicklund	202+000	0.5 (0.3)
Brooks	105+000	0.6 (0.4)
Ausbury	136+300	1.9 (1.2)



Sierra Club
Heart of Illinois Group

P.O. Box 3593, Peoria, IL 61614



November 27, 1996

Mr. Dale E. Risinger
District 4 Engineer
Illinois Department of Transportation
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Dear Mr. Risinger:

The Executive Board of the Heart of Illinois Group of Sierra Club voted unanimously to strenuously oppose any routing of the 336 by-pass near Macomb through the property of Robert and Alice Henry. The Henrys are maintaining this property as a natural area. As you already know, there is a very large population of a federal candidate species (Hill's thistle, *Cirsium Hillii*) located there. As one of our Executive Members found on a recent tour of the property, numerous other excellent indicator species are found there, such as lead plant, indian paint brush, northern dropseed, and turk's-cap lily. These hill prairies are so excellent, we have offered to burn-manage the property next spring to improve the ecosystem. The Henrys have accepted our offer. A Nature Conservancy burn team and others have also offered to help. It would be extremely disappointing to many prairie ecologists if this diverse prairie is destroyed.

One of our Executive Members has found by experience that restoration of excellent ecosystems, from scratch, can cost many-fold more than the total price of the land itself. With less than 0.01% of prairie remaining, much of which is less diverse than the Henry property, we cannot afford to destroy any of it. We

are prepared to make an issue of this matter. Since other alternatives are available, I don't think you will want adverse publicity.

Please notify us of your hearing concerning this section of Rt 336. We will attend.

Sincerely,

Ralph Ginn

Ralph Ginn, Chair

cc: Michael MacMullen
George Rose
Angella Moorehouse
Don McFall
Barbara Traeger

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June 18, 1997

STUDIES & PLANS - PHASE I
FAP 315 (IL 336) & FAP 10 (US 67)
Sections 32,33,39,40
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The Honorable Thomas Carper
Mayor, City of Macomb
232 E. Jackson, Box 377
Macomb, IL 61455

Dear Mayor Carper:

The Illinois Department of Transportation, District 4, is currently in the Phase I study of proposed IL Route 336, a 4-lane partial access controlled expressway, between Carthage and Macomb. Attached is a map showing the project study limits.

At a previous meeting you attended on January 27, 1993, several alternate alignments were presented and discussed. A public informational meeting was later held in which public input was received in regard to the alternate alignments. The study is currently in the process of determining a preferred roadway alignment to be presented at a public hearing tentatively scheduled in late 1997. In order to keep you updated and to receive your input prior to the scheduled public hearing, we are requesting that you or a representative from your office attend a meeting to discuss the IL Route 336 project on July 17, 1997, at either 10:00 AM or 1:00 PM at the Heritage Room in the Student Union at Western Illinois University. Refer to the attached map for further details on the meeting location.

Additionally, a Phase I study is also underway to analyze an extension of IL Route 336 and/or U.S. Route 67 as a 4-lane highway to provide a bypass around the City of Macomb. Attached is a map showing the study limits of this project. Several alignment alternates will be evaluated for the bypass to best serve traffic circulation to and around Macomb. An informational meeting in which preliminary bypass alignments will be presented to the public is tentatively scheduled to be held concurrently with the previously mentioned IL Route 336 public hearing in late 1997.

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In order to receive input at an early stage of project development, the Department would also like to discuss the Macomb Bypass study at the July 17, 1997, meeting. As per discussions with Annette Mills of our office, you have indicated you will inform Council persons, representatives from Western Illinois University, and the Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce of the meeting date and location.

We look forward to your input regarding proposed highway improvements in the Macomb area. If you have any further questions, please contact Tom Lacy at (309)671-3462.

Very truly yours,

D. E. Risinger
District Engineer

By: A.C. Mills
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Program Development Engineer

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Memorandum

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Subject: COORDINATION MEETING MINUTES
Date: July 24, 1997

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On July 16-18, 1997, coordination meetings were held in Macomb to provide an update on the study of the above captioned projects. Refer to the attached attendance sheets for a listing of meeting participants and the time of the meeting. An attached agenda packet was distributed for each project.

The agenda packet and aerial mosaics were used by Tom Lacy to describe the existing land features, design constraints, and environmental impacts for the alternate alignments studied. The aerial mosaic used for the IL Route 336 Study was overlayed with a CAD plan view of the preferred alignment which is intended to be presented at the upcoming public hearing. Each alternate alignment for the IL Route 336 study was discussed followed by reasons for selection of the preferred alignment. The aerial mosaic for the Macomb Area Study showed the preliminary alternate alignments in the northwest, northeast and south quadrants surrounding Macomb. A designated area of future refined study was indicated in yellow. The alignments in each quadrant were discussed in regard to impacts, followed by evaluation of the alternates proposed to drop from future study and then to carry forward for further refined analysis.

Following is a summary of discussion topics for each meeting.

July 16, 1997 (3:30 PM meeting with State Legislative personnel)

No objections were raised as to the reasons for selection of the IL Route 336 preferred alignment. All participants were in favor of the project.